

### **REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance mailed October 4, 2004.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5, 9, 10, 14, 16-18, and 23 have been amended to depend from claim 17 instead of claim 1. However, it is believed that, with respect to claims 17, this is an inadvertent typographical error, as claim 17 cannot be amended to depend from itself. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the claims to be amended are claims 5, 9, 10, 14, 16, 18, and 23. The correction is reflected in the attached list of claims (which also includes the amendments made in the Examiner's Amendment of October 4, 2004).

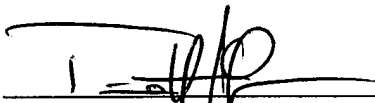
### **CONCLUSION**

Entry of this amendment, and a notice to that effect, is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that this amendment should not be entered, then the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicants' representatives at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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